

**RESOLUTION #08-93**

**URGING PSE&G TO WITHDRAW THEIR  
NJ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL APPLICATION  
OF A NEW 500 KV TRANSMISSION LINE  
THROUGH NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) is proposing to construct a new 500 kV transmission line on the existing right-of-way transmission line through Northern New Jersey, and

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2008, PSE&G held a public forum in Jefferson Township for its residents to examine the proposed transmission line upgrade project; and

**WHEREAS**, concerned residents of Jefferson Township have asked the Township Council to oppose the project as presented; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson Township Council understand that PSE&G is planning for the future to improve the power grid in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, PSE&G should withdraw their application before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities because a commitment to Jefferson Township officials and its citizens was made to make applications to said municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson Township Governing Body is opposed to the fact that PSE&G has now bypassed the local authority approval process by making application before the New Jersey State Board of Public Utilities, thereby removing home rule; and

**WHEREAS**, there are several important aspects that may adversely impact the quality of life for many homeowners in Jefferson Township as well as other municipalities in Northern New Jersey, and

**WHEREAS**, PSE&G should re-evaluate the current needs which may be excessive with regards to the height of the towers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson do hereby request that PSE&G withdraw the application as submitted to the NJBPU to first re-evaluate the height of the towers as well as the need to seek approvals from the municipalities themselves rather than the New Jersey State Board of Public Utilities, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Jefferson Township Council ask that PSE&G re-examine the magnitude of the project to route a new 500 kV transmission line through northern New Jersey with the hopes that the affected municipalities become the decision making bodies when such quality of life actions are to be made for its residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to PSE&G as well as the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Jefferson Township Legislative Representatives, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Highlands Council and the Public Advocate.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON

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Lydia Magnotti, Township Clerk

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Brooke Hardy, Council Vice President

Dated: December 3, 2008

I, Lydia Magnotti, Township Clerk of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson at a meeting held on December 3, 2008.

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Lydia Magnotti, Township Clerk